

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 2003-1**

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN**

**An Administrative Order Establishing A Science Advisory Board For  
The Department of Watershed Management To Provide the Mayor  
And The Commissioner With Independent Advice On  
Technical And Scientific Matters Pertaining To Water And Public Health**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta recently dissolved its contract with United Water for operation of its drinking water system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management is the newly formed entity with responsibility for operation of the City's drinking water, sewer and stormwater systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management is operating under a Consent Decree requiring it to make numerous system-wide improvements in its physical infrastructure and its operational philosophy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management is undertaking a number of unprecedented projects in its attempts to meet federal water standards; and

WHEREAS, fulfillment of those projects demands a level of scientific and technical expertise available in the governmental, industrial, technical, environmental and academic communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management should be able to tap that expertise to help in its efforts to create a world-class water system; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Congress created a Science Advisory Board with a broad mandate to advise the Environmental Protection Agency on matters of science and technology as they relate to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management has concluded that creation of such an advisory board would be a beneficial and sound method by which to tap the aforementioned expertise;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA**, pursuant to the City of Atlanta Charter, 1996 Ga. Laws p. 4469 et seq., Appendix IV, Section 4(1), it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.:** There is hereby established an independent panel to be known as the "Science Advisory Board" (hereafter, "the Board"), which will consist of twelve (12) members chosen for their expertise in water, wastewater, stormwater and public health issues.

**Section 2.:** The Chief Scientist of the Department of Watershed Management shall chair the Board. He shall be assisted by the Department's Science Advisor and by an Administrative Assistant who shall serve as Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Section 3.:** The Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management shall recommend twelve (12) prospective members to the Mayor who shall make appointments to the Board for staggered terms varying from one (1) to three (3) years. Members shall be appointed based on their expertise in areas of concern to the Department of Watershed Management.

**Section 4.:** The Board shall review the quality and relevance of the scientific and technical information being used or proposed for use as the basis for project decisions of the Department of Watershed Management.

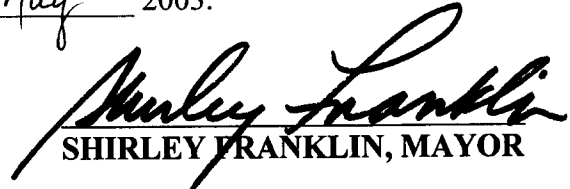
**Section 5.:** The Board shall advise the Commissioner and the Department of Watershed Management on scientific and technical matters, basing such advice on their knowledge and expertise.


**Section 6.:** The Board shall meet periodically as determined by the Chair, and findings shall be communicated to the Commissioner, as the Board deems appropriate. The Board shall prepare an annual report detailing its undertakings for distribution to the Mayor, the Department of Watershed Management and members of the City Council.

**Section 7.:** The Board shall provide notification of its meetings to the public, and minutes of the meetings shall be made available to the public through a web site or other means of distribution designed to make them readily accessible. Any presentation of information to the Board shall be made by invitation of the Board.

**Section 8.:** This Administrative Order shall remain effective until rescinded by the Mayor.

SO ORDERED, this 30th day of May 2003.

  
SHIRLEY FRANKLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON  
MUNICIPAL CLERK